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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report mailed September 3, 2004 from corresponding European Application No. 04006698.7.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

An English language translation of EP 1035936 is provided. EP 1035936 is an equivalent of DE 19841027 C.

There is no English language equivalent or abstract available for DE 9417630 U.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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Examiner's Initials #	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or Issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
	1	5,263,622		Henzler et al.	11-23-1993

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Office/Country	Number	Kind Code			
	2	EP	0507519	A2	Ford Motor Company Limited and Ford-Werke AG	10-07-1992	N/A
	3	EP	1035936		Mauser-Werke Oberndorf Maschinenbau GmbH	09-20-2000	Y
	4	DE	19841027	C1	Mauser-Werke Oberndorf Maschinenbau GmbH	03-02-2000	Equiv.
	5	DE	G9417630.2	U	Mauser-Werke Oberndorf Maschinenbau GmbH	12-15-1994	N

OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials #	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)
	6	Search Report mailed Sept. 3, 2004 from corresponding European Application No. 04006698.7	

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